

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

VERIZON NORTH INC., VERIZON SOUTH)	
INC. AND LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC)	
)	Docket No. _____
Joint Petition for approval of an Agreement)	
Amending the Terms of an Interconnection)	
Agreement pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252.)	

**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF AN AGREEMENT AMENDING THE TERMS OF AN
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN VERIZON NORTH INC., VERIZON
SOUTH INC. AND LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC**

Verizon North Inc., Verizon South Inc. (collectively "Verizon"), petitioners herein, make the following Statement in Support of the Agreement amending the Terms of an Interconnection Agreement between Verizon and Level 3 Communications, LLC ("Level 3").

1. The filed Amendment No. 2 ("Amendment") between Verizon and Level 3 was negotiated between the parties.

2. The Amendment meets all the requirements of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 U.S.C. §§151, *et seq.* Thus, the filed Amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

3. Verizon will make the Amendment available on the same such terms and conditions, as set forth in the Amendment as well as in the Parties' underlying Interconnection Agreement, to any duly authorized telecommunications carrier operating within the State of Illinois in accordance with any and all applicable legal provisions. Therefore, this filing is not discriminatory.

WHEREFORE, Verizon respectfully submits this Statement in Support of the Agreement amending the Terms of an Interconnection Agreement between Verizon North Inc., Verizon South Inc. and Level 3 Communications, LLC.

Respectfully submitted this ____ day of _____ 2004.

Philip J. Wood, Jr.
Assistant Vice President -
Public Policy & External Affairs